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Melanie Kibler, a senior at Lake Michigan Catholic High School, plans to join the U.S. Coast Guard next fall. Kibler is part of the class of 2020, which is winding up high school like no other class in history.

All circumstance, no pomp

How the COVID class is coping

Noah Lyon, a senior at Lakeshore High School, works a shift Wednesday at the Martin's store in St. Joseph. He is happy to stay busy, and says he can usually still see people smiling behind their masks.

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Melanie Kibler has enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard and is headed off to boot camp Sept. 15.

But her final weeks of high school are unlike anything she could have imagined.

"It's a real bummer for us not being with our friends before we all go our separate ways," she said.

Kibler, 18, of Berrien Springs, is a senior at Lake Michigan Catholic High School in St. Joseph.

"I was in track and field. It's hard. I had just gotten good at hurdling," she said. She also is a swimmer.

Graduating seniors everywhere are missing out on concerts, graduation ceremonies, proms, springs sports, and other extra-curricular activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic and state-ordered restrictions. Sad, disappointing and unreal are words they are using to describe how that feels.

Some schools will try to hold proms and graduation ceremonies at some point, but students say they don't know what that will look like.

And some events that have been canceled cannot be made up.

"I am in Interact Club. Every year we go to the Dominican Republic to build houses. This was scheduled for June, and it would have been my final year going" Kibler said. "I have made some friends there. I understand, but it's still disappointing."

Another special event she and her Catholic classmates will miss out on is a special Mass celebrated by the bishop, to honor the graduating seniors and their accomplishments.

Kayla Arend

Kayla Arend, 17, a senior at Eau Claire High School, is missing her friends. But she's missed out on more than that. She is Miss Eau Claire-Sodus 2020, and so far is missing out on the annual Miss Blossomtime Pageant, which for now has been postponed, along with the Blessing of the Blossoms, Grand Floral Parade, which were canceled. But, she says, she is trying to keep things in perspective.

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Two COVID-19 cases reported at The Whitcomb

Berrien adds 10 new COVID-19 cases

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Two residents at The Whitcomb in St. Joseph have tested positive for COVID-19, the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) confirmed Wednesday.

"Our team is working with the Whitcomb to ensure that the facility has the infection prevention education and training they need to prevent further spread of illness, as well as the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) for their staff," said Gillian Conrad, spokeswoman for the BCHD.

She said widespread testing at the facility has not taken place, but that further testing may be conducted as contacts of the confirmed cases are identified.

"BCHD is working with many different long-term care facilities in this technical assistance/prevention capacity to help equip them with what they need to keep the older adults they serve safe and healthy," Conrad said.

The Whitcomb bills itself as a senior living community, rather than as a long-term care facility with skilled nurses, so it is not required to report its number of COVID-19 cases to the state. Officials at The Whitcomb did not respond to a phone message left at the facility by The Herald-Palladium.

Its website contains language regarding the pandemic. "Due to the recent health concerns from the COVID-19 virus, we have suspended all tours and scheduled move ins. ... At this time visitors are

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Berrien County expands criteria for COVID-19 testing

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

Several hundred people can now be tested for COVID-19 each day between the two testing sites in Berrien County, health officials said Wednesday, and guidelines have been eased, to an extent.

The Berrien County Health Department (BCHD), InterCare Community Health Network and Spectrum Health Lakeland released more information Wednesday about the county's expanded COVID-19 testing abilities.

Until recently, testing was reserved for people showing severe symptoms, health care and essential workers with symptoms, hospital inpatients and other high-risk people.

Now, anyone with mild to moderate COVID-19 symptoms can be tested. In addition, essential workers without symptoms who have been in close personal contact with someone who has the virus can be tested.

Nicki Britten, health officer for the BCHD, said in a news release that while capacity and standards for testing have been expanded, the resources are not unlimited, so people should still get screened by a doctor before seeking a test.

"Curiosity is not a valid reason to test someone for COVID-19, and timing of testing is a significant factor doctors take under consideration when ordering testing," Britten said.

She said that it can take between four and five days after COVID-19 exposure for the viral amplification process to occur in a person's body so that enough virus is present to be detected through a nasal swab test.

A negative test result shows that there was not a detectible COVID-19 viral load present at the time of

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Residential, commercial construction work to resume May 7

By PAUL EGAN
Detroit Free Press

LANSING — Residential and commercial construction work will resume in Michigan May 7, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's office announced Wednesday.

"It shouldn't come as a surprise that the governor would open a lower-risk field, like she has said at previous press conferences," spokeswoman Tiffany Brown told the Free Press.

"It's great news," said Kevin Koehler, president of the Construction Association of Michigan. Koehler said he was still awaiting full details about the start-up, first reported by Michigan Information & Research Service, a Capitol newsletter.

Whitmer earlier said that residential and commercial construction would be among the first sectors of the economy to reopen as she gradually lifts her stay-at-home order, which is currently set to continue through May 15.

Koehler said the construction industry employs about 200,000 people in Michigan, including the commercial, residential and industrial sectors, plus suppliers.

Some road construction projects have continued under the stay-at-home order, but private projects and public projects on buildings such as schools have come to a halt.

Whitmer has said her administration is taking a hard look at reopening parts of the industrial sector as well.

Some contractors have expressed concern about obtaining necessary construction permits, with many municipal offices closed, as well as obtaining needed personal protective equipment and required inspections.

Matt Bach, a spokesman for the Michigan Municipal League, said local governments are responding to the emergency orders as best they can, as they are handed down.

"It is impossible for us to speculate as to how they will implement an order that hasn't been issued yet, but we are certain they will do everything they can do to safely comply with an executive order of the governor once they understand the parameters of it," Bach said.

Business leaders voiced support for Whitmer's latest move to ease the stay-at-home order.

"The continued pragmatic and safe measures to get Michigan back to work that Gov. Whitmer is taking, such as opening up the construction sector on May 7, aligns with the chamber's point of view for reactivating the economy in phases," said Sandy Baruah, president and CEO of the Detroit Regional Chamber.

"A recent chamber poll showed the majority of workers, 61 percent, felt safe returning to work, and 60 percent reported they trusted their employer to keep them safe. The governor's focus on public health, infused with thoughtful input from business, will yield better health and economic outcomes."

The Michigan Legislature met at the Capitol Wednesday and was to meet again today, as Republican lawmakers

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Whitmer wants free college for front-line virus workers

LANSING (AP) — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on Wednesday proposed free college for health care workers and others involved in the coronavirus fight, likening their service during the pandemic to soldiers who got a free education after returning home from World War II.

The program would require approval from the Legislature. Whitmer didn't disclose the cost during a briefing with reporters, but said the money would come from the federal government.

"It's the right thing to do for those who have served on the front lines of this crisis," said Whitmer, who mentioned child care workers, grocery store employees and nursing home staff.

Separately, the governor said the state will spend $130 million to help child care providers stay afloat, including those serving essential workers. Those getting a grant must reduce their weekly rates by at least 10 percent and care for children of essential workers regardless of where parents work.

Grants start at $1,500 for home-based providers and $3,000 for child care centers, but could be higher.

Whitmer had pledged to gradually ease restrictions on businesses.

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restricted in entering the community except for our staff and those providing care. Everyone is screened upon entry for any signs or symptoms of illness. We are working with the families of our residents who are on hospice," the site states.

The state reports that there are nine skilled-nursing facilities in Berrien County, and the only one with reported cases is Pine Ridge Rehabilitation & Nursing in Stevensville, which has three cases.

COVID-19 case update

The BCHD reported 10 new confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 Wednesday, bringing the total to 242.

Out of those cases, 171 people have recovered, up from 163 reported Tuesday. The county still reports 15 deaths.

The county has 169 presumed positive cases, three more than reported Tuesday.

In Van Buren County, there are now 46 positive COVID-19 cases. That's up from the 43 reported Tuesday.

Cass County now has 29 positive cases. That's up from the 27 that was reported Monday and Tuesday.

Both counties still have two deaths a piece, while a total of 11 people have recovered.

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Michigan
Classic Lotto 47
01-08-16-22-30-34
Poker Lotto
JC-AH-8C-5D-2H
Midday Daily 3
0-9-0
Midday Daily 4
9-5-9-0
Daily 3
4-3-5
Daily 4
1-7-0-0
Fantasy 5
05-06-12-15-27
Keno
01-03-05-06-14-21-22-26-28-31-32-36-49-62-63-65-66-67-69-70-72-80
Mega Millions jackpot
$200 million
Powerball jackpot
$43 million

Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Mega Millions
13-19-53-54-63, Mega Ball: 17, Megaplier: 3
Indiana
Cash 5
03-20-21-29-36
Cash4Life
18-21-36-41-48, Cash Ball: 2
Quick Draw Midday
04-05-13-17-20-21-24-26-31-33-37-38-39-41-57-60-66-68-74-76, BE: 13
Daily Three-Midday
3-5-9, SB: 4
Daily Three-Evening
6-3-0, SB: 1
Daily Four-Midday
0-6-4-8, SB: 4
Daily Four-Evening
0-4-1-0, SB: 1
Quick Draw Evening
07-11-13-16-17-31-33-35-36-44-45-50-51-55-57-58-68-70-74-76, BE: 44
Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
06-12-13-23-35
Pick Three-Midday
9-9-2, Fireball: 9
Pick Three-Evening
7-3-4, Fireball: 4
Pick Four-Midday
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"There are so many issues other people have that I don't have to endure," she said. "I am upset, but I understand. The reason for all this is greater than what I can see at the moment."

Arend was a junior coach for Girls On The Run, a program that helps girls build self-confidence through running and social skills. The girls in the program work toward a 5K run that is usually held in May.

Arend plans to major in psychology at the University of Michigan, and was to leave for Ann Arbor for the summer term, which she now will take part in online, from home.

Dylan Tucker

The Blossomtime Grand Floral Parade would also have been special to Dylan Tucker, 18, a senior at Watervliet High School. He is Mr. Watervliet 2020.

"The parade would have been fun. There are other things, too. We kings and queens were so excited about going into the elementary schools and reading to kids," he said. "We have read some stories and posted them on Facebook."

Tucker had played baseball throughout high school and was excited about his final season, which ended after just two practices.

"That was a huge disappointment," he said.

He's keeping up with his friends through social media and said a group previously met at Van Buren State Park for a walk.

Tucker plans to attend Lake Michigan College or Southwestern Michigan College, then transfer to the University of Central Florida. His goal is to become a doctor of radiology.

His words of encouragement for other high school seniors:

"Stay strong, and know that there's a brighter future ahead."

Noah Lyon

Noah Lyon, 18, is a senior at Lakeshore High School. He was starting his first season of track and field.

"I was really looking forward to it. We had just one week of practice and no meets. Everything we've looked forward to has been ruined," he said. "It's pretty sad, knowing you're not going to see all your friends, missing out on sports and things. The baseball players weren't even able to start their season."

Lyon is fortunate that he still gets to see his girlfriend. He works at Martin's in St. Joseph, and so does she.

"We're required to wear masks now, so it's hard to tell people's emotions. But you can usually tell when they're smiling by their eyes," he said.

Lyon plans to attend Lake Michigan College and become a mechanical engineer.

Clare Berghaus

Clare Berghaus, 18, of St. Joseph, is a senior at Michigan Lutheran High School. She had played junior varsity girls basketball for two years and was in her second year on the varsity, which was unable to finish the season. She said the team is keeping in contact through an internet application, Zoom.

"I think there are so many lost things. Even the small things like sitting in study hall," she said. "Things we all took for granted."

Then there's the big things.

"We missed out on our senior class trip to Washington, D.C., and we'd been fundraising for three years. We'd put so much time and effort into it," she said. "Senior year is supposed to be a huge thing. All your hard work comes to fruition."

Berghaus was in the band and choir.

"We missed out on the Spring Sacred Concert and the Prism Concert. That is a fun concert with solos, and it's open to the whole school to participate," she said.

She also was involved in the Bridge Competition through the Michigan Department of Transportation, which has now been canceled.

"They send you kits and you build a bridge. My friends and I did this for three years. We had a proposal turned in for this year," she said.

Berghaus said she has been able to relieve some of her own sadness by helping others.

"I've been able to volunteer a lot with my church, Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Joseph. We help out at the Soup Kitchen and we have a mobile food truck," she said. "We've been making 144 bag lunches once a month."

Berghaus plans to attend Hillsdale College in the fall. She's not sure of her major, but said possibly music and bio-chemistry.

"I might want to be a pharmacist," she said.

Ezekiel Furst

"Zeke" Furst, 18, is a senior at Buchanan High School. He plays the saxophone and said this would have been his fifth year marching in the Blossomtime Grand Floral Parade.

He also is sad that History Club activities and track and field season were cut short.

"I've been waiting for all this. I loved History Club and this would have been my last year of track," he said.

He said he wasn't so much looking forward to the graduation ceremony, but as a member of the band he's played the seemingly endless "Pomp & Circumstance" for the past four years as the graduating seniors walked.

"I was actually looking forward to *not* playing 'Pomp & Circumstance'," he said. "But I was looking forward to playing our senior song. It's a tradition that we play one of the songs we'd previously played during a concert in high school."

Furst said he misses his friends but he is getting out some because he works at McDonald's.

"I'm glad I've continued to work. It will help pay for college," he said. He plans to attend Great Lakes Christian College in Lansing.

Furst said he is not upset about the senior prom being canceled.

"I was only going to go so my mom would be happy," he joked.

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Barber Packaging now churning out face shields

Large contracts provide boost as other work dries up

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

BANGOR — A month ago, Luke Barber didn't know if he could keep his company, Barber Packaging, going, as business nose-dived due to the coronavirus pandemic and ensuing stay-at-home orders.

"We sought the Lord in earnest for direction as to whether we should stay open or close our operations," Barber recalled.

But fate has a way of stepping in during difficult times. For Barber Packaging it came in the form of a state procurement program that links manufacturers to buyers.

In March, when efforts to curb the spread of the pandemic began in earnest in Michigan, the Michigan Economic Development Corp. expanded its free online procurement program to include donations from suppliers capable of filling health and human service needs across a broad range of product and service categories.

Barber, who is also vice president of Market Van Buren, an economic development organization based in Paw Paw, began thinking how his company could revamp itself to meet health care demands.

"When this pandemic reached our nation, we felt called to stand in the gap," he said. "We immediately began looking at several medical industry needs and realized we could retool to make face shields."

As Barber was pondering in the beginning of April whether to keep his 30-year-old company going, the first purchase order for 250,000 face shields arrived.

It took the company a week to convert its production line to make the face shields.

"We were in full production on April 13th," Barber said. "To date we have supplied just over 300,000 shields. We have open orders for more than 800,000 and we intend to continue making shields for as long as there is demand. We anticipate supplying more than a million shields in the near term."

Barber is producing large-volume orders for the state of Michigan and a group of large hospitals in Indiana.

"We are also producing inventory to meet local need here in Southwest Michigan," Barber said. "We just developed a shield specifically for the dental industry and will be rolling that out later this week. The dental shields are longer, and have a much deeper brow pad to allow loupes and lights to be worn under the shield. They are also wider to come back past the ears in order to provide 100 percent coverage and have a unique shape to allow full range of motion over the shoulders."

Even though Barber Packaging has ramped up production of hundreds of thousands of face shields, it still has had to reduce its number of workers.

"We normally employ 60," Barber said. "Due to core business drop off we currently have a staff of 35. Our team has really stepped up. They put themselves at risk everyday to help the frontline workers."

Photos provided

LEFT: Barber Packaging employees are shown producing face shields to protect medical providers from contracting the COVID-19 virus from patients. As of this week, it had already produced 300,000 and has orders from the state of Michigan and a group of hospitals in Indiana for 800,000 more. RIGHT: Melissa Whitcomb, a dental hygienist for Van Buren / Cass District Health Department, displays one of the new dental face shields Barber Packaging has designed and produced for dental practitioners. The dental shields are longer and have a deeper brow pad.

Zach Morris, director of Market Van Buren, said he is glad Barber Packaging could quickly change its production line to help health care workers.

"Barber traditionally makes products for the auto industry, medical devices and furniture companies, these packages go all over the world," Morris said, in a video Market Van Buren produced about the company's latest efforts to help stop the spread of COVID-19. "Barber's strong leadership paired with the ingenuity of the Pure Michigan Business Connect program is resulting in health care workers getting the tools they need."

Several other businesses in Van Buren County are also stepping up to help stop the spread of the coronavirus.

"Other Van Buren County based businesses are retooling to provide necessary resources for the community," Morris said. "One example of that is St Julian Winery. (They) retooled their distillery to produce hand sanitizer. In addition, Do-It Corp. in South Haven has retooled to provide face shields."

Curbside cannabis

How area dispensaries are adapting to the coronavirus pandemic

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BUCHANAN — Being a brand new business in a brand new industry during the coronavirus pandemic has offered a bit of a challenge to some of Southwest Michigan's marijuana dispensaries.

"There's been so much change in the last month," said David Spreckman, director of marketing for Zen Leaf Buchanan.

Zen Leaf, along East Front Street in Buchanan, as well as the area's seven other dispensaries have had to move to curbside or sidewalk sales of medical and recreational marijuana, which the state deemed as essential during the stay-at-home order.

"You order online, get a confirmation, then are assigned a pickup time," Spreckman said. "When you arrive, we do our transactions with minimal person-to-person interaction."

George Lynch, co-owner of Green Stem Provisioning in Niles, said it's definitely been an interesting experience trying to keep everyone safe, while also "providing the medicine that these people are definitely seeking."

Still a demand

Spreckman said business has been steady in Buchanan. The business has been selling medical for about a year now, and opened up for recreational sales just this week.

"It's not a ghost town, but it's not bursting at the seams either," he said. "Part of that is by design and why we're doing curbside and assigning times for pickup. We have a steady flow of customers and patients, but we want to space them out in such a way where we don't have crowds outside at any point."

Lynch said he has estimated his potential for business is down about 25 percent, with Notre Dame and other colleges and universities now out of session.

"That's a huge factor that we were counting on when we opened up," he said. "But it's been fairly steady."

Green Stem started recreational sales March 28, after having opened for medicinal sales on Feb. 29.

Lynch said some people are just scared to leave their house, and some are having more anxiety because of the coronavirus pandemic and so they are seeking more marijuana than usual.

"We've seen more people coming in with new medical cards now in the last month during the COVID crisis than before when we were just medical," he said. "It's very impressive these people are signing up left and right to get medical cards – and it's rightly so."

Lynch and Spreckman think curbside pickup at marijuana dispensaries, and other businesses, will continue for a while even after they're allowed to open back up.

"In a lot of ways there are certain efficiencies tied to it," Spreckman said. "People will have this heightened sense of awareness, concern and caution for a while moving forward and businesses will do what we have to do to adapt to meet people's needs and make them feel comfortable."

But they also think that this curbside-method takes something away from the experience.

The dispensary experience

Lynch said the first time he set foot in a marijuana dispensary was six years ago, at the age of 57.

"I hadn't done it in years because it was illegal, I was having kids, and had a job," he said. "But now here I was, in Colorado on vacation, and I have a 25-year-old woman telling me more about cannabis than I ever knew in my entire life."

He said having to move his business to curbside sales has taken away that experience for first-time cannabis users.

"It's either order online or off menu on a piece of paper. It doesn't really tell you very much," Lynch said. "A lot of these people, especially the ones coming up from Indiana, are very inexperienced and unknowledgeable."

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TOP: In accordance with state law, Craig Cubbage with Zen Leaf offers curbside service in downtown Buchanan.
MIDDLE: Craig Cubbage handles a customer's order Wednesday at Zen Leaf in downtown Buchanan. Zen Leaf, along with the area's other marijuana dispensaries, have moved to curbside service amid the coronavirus pandemic.
ABOVE: Craig Cubbage checks with a customer as he provides curbside delivery Wednesday at Zen Leaf in downtown Buchanan.

At the Niles shop, employees are spending a lot of time at customer's cars, at a distance, explaining the products.

Lynch said it'd be more ideal to have the customers in the shop so they can look at and compare the products, as well as smell them.

"It's not as rewarding, or spiritual, it's just buying a commodity," he said. "The medical patients that have been buying for years know exactly what they're doing, but new people trying to relieve their anxiety for the first time, or trying it for the first time, it's an experience that's far less than they really want."

Spreckman agreed.

"The curbside model is a very efficient way to run a business, but at the same time, we're also in a business of caring for people and that does require some attentiveness and the ability to talk and help people," he said. "Like everybody in every industry, we're just trying to figure out how can we do right by everyone."

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'He was one of a kind'

Willie Scott, former Benton Twp. clerk, dies at 97

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
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BENTON TOWNSHIP — Former Benton Township Clerk Willie "Jake" Scott died Sunday at the age of 97.

Known for his tenacity and colorful career in politics, Scott was often referred to as a people person by his colleagues.

Former township Superintendent Elden Piontek, who worked with Scott for a couple decades, said the Alabama native always tried to stand up for what was right – whether a decision was considered popular or not.

"He'd stand up for the principle," Piontek said. "He was just so full of energy. I mean he cared so much about the township and tried to do what was right for the people. He looked for someone's honest opinion. If you disagreed with him, he'd want you to tell him why and make your case and to not worry about repercussions."

Scott was elected as clerk through several consecutive terms, which spanned from 1978 to 1991. Scott wasn't afraid to make waves as he was elected clerk as both a Democrat and Republican.

"He didn't care what party you were in. He looked at the issue," Piontek said. "He was one-of-a-kind. Some people who he opposed thought he was an enemy to them. But he just looked at the issue and made his mind up and moved forward."

Prior to launching a career into public service, Scott worked for Auto Specialties Manufacturing Co. for 35 years. He retired from Auto Specialties in 1978.

During his time there, Scott had an influential role with UAW negotiations and contract settlements. He focused on better working conditions, wages and benefit packages for blue collar workers.

Piontek said it was that experience that was helpful when it came to labor negotiations for municipal employees.

"He wanted to be fair to the people. He was harder on politicians than he was the employees," Piontek joked. "He didn't believe they should get raises that much, that it was just an honor to serve. He didn't think politicians should be in it for the money."

SCOTT

Scott served as the township clerk for 14 years, and until recently, attended several board meetings to stay up to date on township proceedings.

Clerk Carolyn Phillips said Scott's passing is a big loss for the Benton Township community.

"During his time as clerk, he worked to help residents in need, in numerous ways where he could, commercial development and small business contractors," Phillips said.

"He could tell jokes and stories that would have everyone laughing, but was serious and all business when he needed to be. He will be remembered for all the good things he's done for so many, and I will remember Mr. Scott's love for Benton Township."

Piontek said Scott was considered somewhat controversial for the way he spoke his mind and dug in on certain issues.

"He went through a lot of trustees and supervisors. But he was that one constant which was always good to keep a certain continuity going," Piontek said.

After leaving office, Scott became a Walmart greeter for time, as his health allowed. He completely retired at the age of 80.

"He loved greeting people. It seemed like he knew everybody," Piontek said.

Scott remained active in the community and loved when people would visit to talk politics. He never failed to remind his family of the privilege to vote.

Willie also attended the First Church of God and The Blue Roof Senior Group up until his health started to decline.

"He was an avid churchgoer and believed in his principles," Piontek said. "He really was a big help to me and a great friend. He used to call me every week even after he left and I retired. The citizens owe so much to him because he kept the township fiscally stable and provided a lot of services.

"He'll be missed."

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By EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Gather information and move in a positive direction. Refuse to let an emotional problem turn into an argument that will stifle your ability to get things done. Search for common ground.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Added responsibilities will lead to new opportunities if you are patient and productive. How you handle people and situations will help you gain respect and support. Romance is favored.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be part of the solution, not part of the problem. Look for ways to bring in more cash and clear up unfinished business. A positive attitude will lead to good results.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Keep a low profile, do your own thing and don't get dragged into someone else's drama. Gravitate toward people and events that bring out the best in you. Romance is favored.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Listen, learn and go about your business. Travel and learning will lead to personal growth, new ideas and a plan that will help you advance. Don't leave anything to chance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Personal improvement, fitness or whatever eases your stress is encouraged. If you overreact, you could be left doing all the work yourself. Strive for balance and equality.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Assess your situation at home and your relationships with friends, relatives and peers, and make adjustments. An emotional incident will leave you in a vulnerable position.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Promote what you want to do. Your track record will encourage others to get involved in your plans. Handpick your team. Love is encouraged.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Finish what you start and move on to a new and exciting project. Home improvements will lead to a change of attitude and newly available options.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Let go of the past. Take a giant leap forward and make plans that will improve your personal life. Added discipline will help you say no to anyone who pressures you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Do your own thing, bring about change and refuse to let anyone stand in your way. Spending less will be necessary if you want to ease stress.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Physical activity will be rejuvenating. Use your skills and knowledge to improve your surroundings. Take pride in your appearance and share your time and intentions with a loved one.

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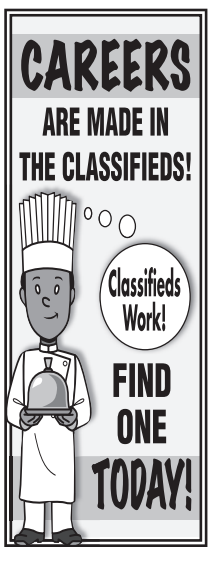

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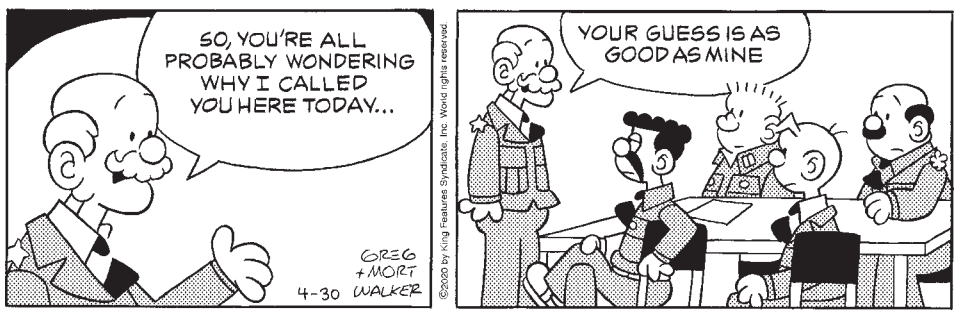
SO, YOU'RE ALL PROBABLY WONDERING WHY I CALLED YOU HERE TODAY...
GREG + MORT WALKER 4-30
YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE
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BLONDIE

DAGWOOD HAS TO WORK LATE TONIGHT
YOU'RE ALL WELCOME TO JOIN HIM IF YOU'D LIKE
NOW I KNOW WHY DAGWOOD HAS AN ATTITIDE PROBLEM
ZOOM
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HI & LOIS

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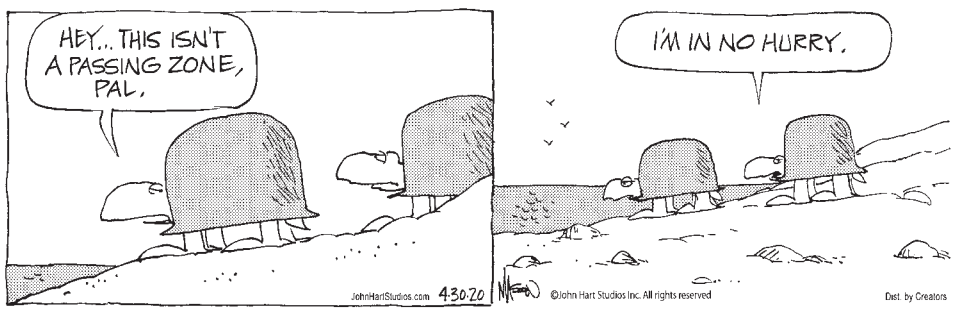
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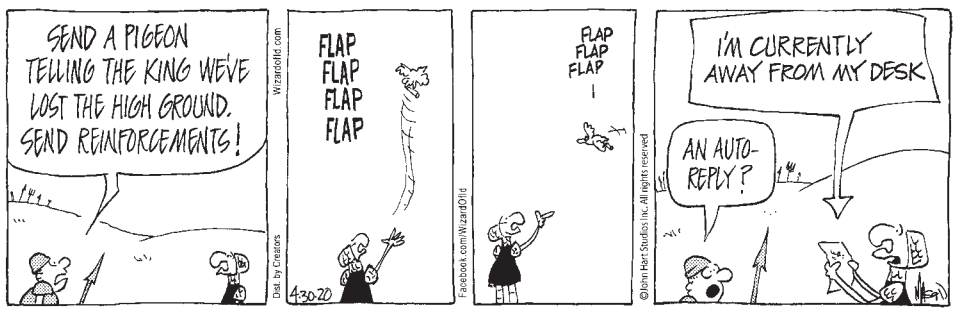
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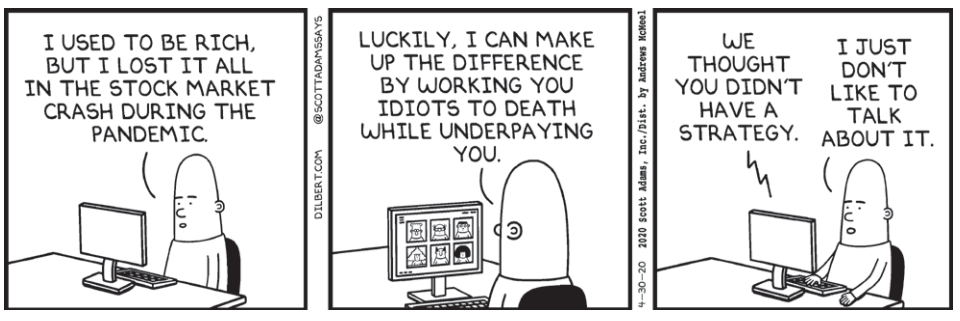
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I JUST DON'T LIKE TO TALK ABOUT IT.

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HAVE YOU SEEN THE BIG SUITCASE?
JIM DAVIS 4-30
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YOU MEAN MY NEW LUNCH TOTE?
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JOEY, YOUR NEIGHBORS REALLY HATE YOU.
HOW DO YOU KNOW, MOM?
CUP O' ME
MR. NICE GUY
GoComics.com/FortKnox
BECAUSE I JUST CHATTED WITH THEM.
WHAT?? YOU TALKED TO THE ENEMIES??
RED DON
4/30
THEY'RE NOT OUR ENEMIES! THEY JUST NEED TO OVERCOME THIS.
THIS SITUATION?
HELP ME HELP YOU
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NO, MY IDIOT SON.
DUM LUCK

PICKLES

KIDS TODAY ARE TOO HUNG UP ON ALL THEIR ELECTRONIC GADGETS.
WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE, WE DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING...NO TV, NO PHONES, NOTHING.
FINALLY WE GOT A HUGE OLD RADIO, AND WE'D SPEND HOURS SITTING AROUND IT.
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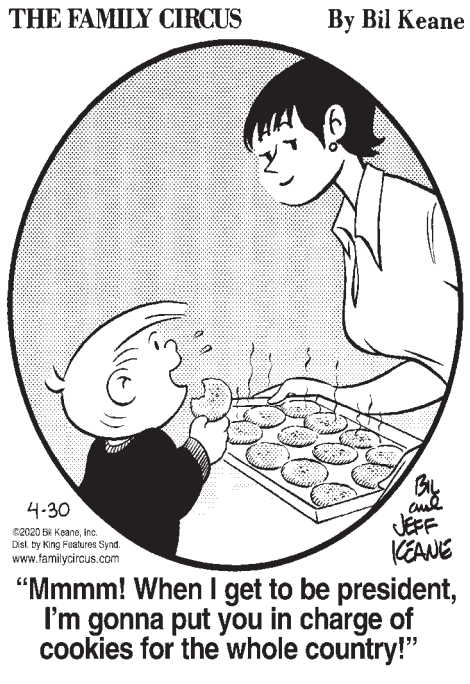
EVENTUALLY WE GOT ELECTRICITY AND WERE ABLE TO PLUG IT IN, AND THAT WAS EVEN BETTER.

FAMILY CIRCUS


THE FAMILY CIRCUS
By Bil Keane
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Bil and JEFF KEANE
"Mmmm! When I get to be president, I'm gonna put you in charge of cookies for the whole country!"

DENNIS THE MENACE

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HEY, IF MOM'S IN THE SHOWER, WHO'S WATCHING WREN?
I AM.
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SO, YOU'RE STEALING MOM'S PHONE AND BABYSITTING AT THE SAME TIME?
IT'S CALLED "MULTI-TASKING."
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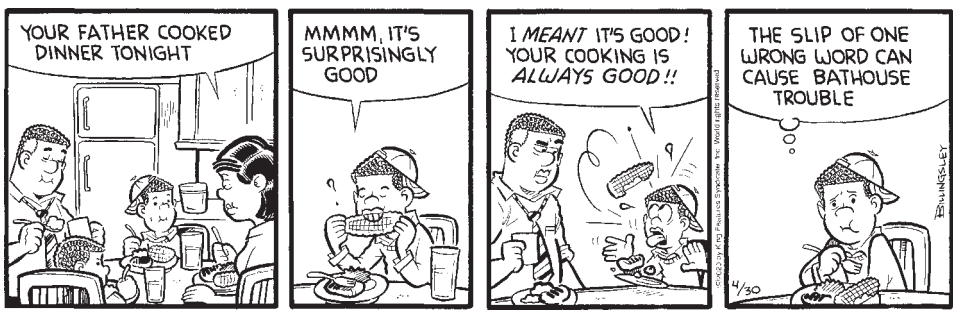
HI.
AND THAT'S CALLED "GROUNDED FOR A WEEK."
WREN!!!

CURTIS


YOUR FATHER COOKED DINNER TONIGHT
MMMM, IT'S SURPRISINGLY GOOD
I MEANT IT'S GOOD! YOUR COOKING IS ALWAYS GOOD!!
THE SLIP OF ONE WRONG WORD CAN CAUSE BATHOUSE TROUBLE
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BRUNSELEY

ZITS

WHAT IS THAT SMELL?
(SNIFF!) THAT?
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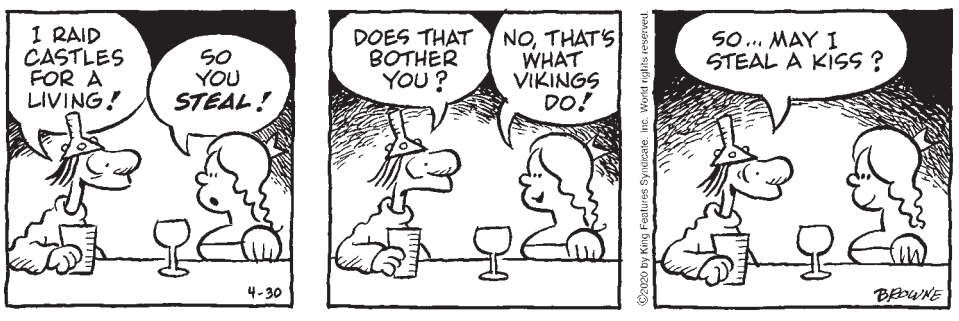
PIERCE SLIPPED A RANCID CHILI DOG INTO MY GYM BAG ON APRIL FOOLS' DAY, AND I'M PRETENDING NOT TO NOTICE UNTIL HE CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE!
SCOTT & JIM BORGMAN
GIRLS DON'T APPRECIATE PRACTICAL JOKES.
WHAT IS THAT SMELL?

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


I RAID CASTLES FOR A LIVING!
SO YOU STEAL!
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DOES THAT BOTHER YOU?
NO, THAT'S WHAT VIKINGS DO!
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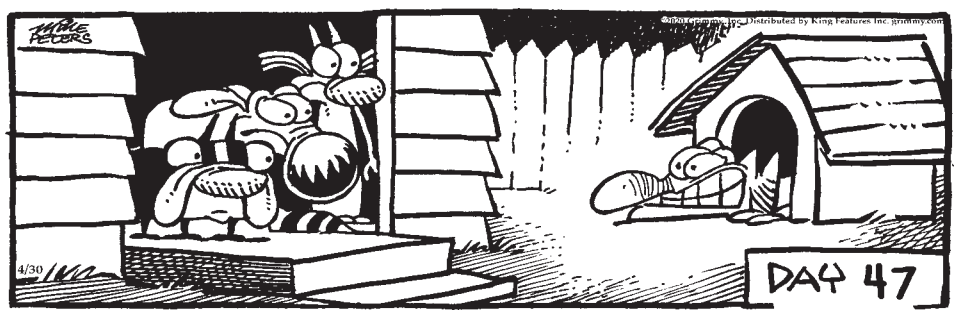
SO... MAY I STEAL A KISS?
BROOME

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



MUTTS

IT'S THE LAST DAY OF APRIL- SO, AFTER THIS, NO MORE RAIN.
WHAT?
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MOOCH, IT CAN RAIN ANY MONTH!
WHAT?
I THOUGHT APRIL HAD AN EXCLUSIVE.
4.30

SALLY FORTH

MAYBE FAYE'S PULLED BACK BECAUSE SHE'S SO OVERWHELMED BY WHAT'S GOING ON NOW.
BUT SHE WAS ACTING LIKE THAT BEFORE IT HAPPENED.
ALL I KNOW IS I'M HAVING TROUBLE SELF-REGULATING MY FEARS. I CAN'T SLEEP. I HAVE STOMACH-ACHES ALL THE TIME. I FEEL ALONE EVEN WITH MY PARENTS AROUND. AND I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT EVERYTHING AND ANYTHING ALL THE TIME.
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NONA, ARE...ARE YOU GOING TO BE OKAY?
IF I KEEP SAYING "YES" QUIETER AND QUIETER, WILL YOU BELIEVE ME?
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PRIME TIME TV

THURSDAY EVENING APR. 30

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7)(13)(41)(57)	Wheel of Fortune	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N) CC		Station 19 (N) CC		:01 How to Get Away With Murder (N)	
CBS (2)(3)(22)	Ent. Tonight	Young Sheldon	Man With a Plan (N)	Man With a Plan (N)	Broke "Dates"	Tommy "This Is Not a Drill" (N) CC	
NBC (5)(8)(16)	Ac. Hollywood	Council of Dads "Pilot" CC		Council of Dads "I'm Not Fine" (N) CC		Blindspot "I Came to Sleigh" CC	
FOX (17)(22)(28)(32)	Modern Family	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	:01 Mental Samurai "Week Five"		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS (34)	Radar-Michigan	Poldark on Masterpiece CC		Father Brown Murder of a local writer.		Antiques Roadshow (Part 2 of 3) CC	
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	Katy Keene KO asks for Katy's help. (N)		In the Dark "Son of a Gun" (N) CC		News	Seinfeld "The Pie"
MNT (50)	Family Feud (N)	Chicago P.D. "Fork in the Road"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Flipped"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Smile"	
WCIU (26)	Mike & Molly	Katy Keene KO asks for Katy's help. (N)		In the Dark "Son of a Gun" (N) CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME (46)	:00 Heartland	Heartland "The Fix" CC (DVS)		Highway to Heaven CC		Nightly News	
WGN (9)	News	black-ish	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "Child's Play; Bad Intentions"		The First 48: Catching a Killer (N) CC		60 Days In "The Aftermath: Part Two"	
AMC	Gran Torino ('08)	★★ U.S. Marshals ('98, Action) Tommy Lee Jones, Wesley Snipes. Sam Gerard gets caught up in another fugitive case. CC					
Animal	Last	The Last Alaskans: Arctic Refuge (N)				Yukon Men CC	
BET	Bobby Brown Story		The Bobby Brown Story "Part 2" CC				
Big Ten	B1G	Women's College Gymnastics CC					B1G
Bravo	Housewives	Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Top Chef "Pitch Perfect" (N) CC	
Cartoon	Gumball	Home	Burgers	Burgers	Rick	American	American
Cinemax	Revo Road	★★ Collateral Beauty ('16, Drama) Will Smith. CC			:40 ★★★ Enemy of the State ('98) Will Smith. CC		
CMT	Last Man	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
CNBC	CNBC	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Coronavirus: Facts and Fears				CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Key	Key	Key	Key	Key	Key	Key
Discovery	Afraid XL	Naked and Afraid XL "Hike Into Hell"		Naked and Afraid XL CC		Naked and Afraid XL CC	
Disney	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven	Just Roll	Gabby	Coop
DIY	Pool	Insane Pools		Insane Pools		Insane Pools	
E!	Kardas	The Kardashians		Total Bellas (N)		The Kardashians	
ESPN	CFB 150	College Football					
ESPN2	Last Dan.	The Last Dance		The Last Dance		The Last Dance	
ESPNC	Football	College Football From Sept. 25, 2010.				College Football	
Food	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Restaurant: Impossible (N) CC			
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Bowling	Red Wings Classics Game 4. (N)					Golf Life
Freefrm	:00 ★★★ Point Break ('91, Action) Patrick Swayze, Keanu Reeves, Gary Busey. CC					Siren Ryn discovers injured mermaids. (N)	
FX	:00 ★★★ Spider-Man: Homecoming ('17, Action) Tom Holland, Michael Keaton. CC					Better Things	Breeders CC
Golf	:00 LPGA Tour Golf CC				PGA Tour Golf CC		
Hallmark	Rome in Love ('19)	The Secret Ingredient ('20, Romance) Erin Cahill, Brendan Penny. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	6:50 ★★★ Long Shot ('19) Seth Rogen. CC			We're Here "Twin Falls, Idaho" (N)		:05 Westworld "Passed Pawn"	
History	Pickers	American Pickers		:02 American Pickers		:05 American Pickers	
HGTV	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flipping	Flipping	Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	My 600-	My 600-Lb. Life (N)				Dr. Pimple Popper	
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NBCSCH	Sports	Chicago Bulls Classic				Be Chicago	
NFL	NFL Total	A Football Life		A Football Life		A Football Life	
Nick	Sponge.	★★★ Shrek ('01, Children's) CC				Friends	Friends
NGEO	Troopers	Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper	
Oxygen	:00 Mark of a Killer	Mark of a Killer New York is on edge. (N)		Snapped "Kayla nelson" CC		Mark of a Killer New York is on edge.	
Parmt	Two Men	★★ Four Brothers ('05) Mark Wahlberg. CC					Italian
Showtime	5:55 Superbad	7:50 Shameless Frank goes missing.		8:50 Penny Dreadful: City of Angels CC		Desus & Mero	Californication
Starz	6:49 ★★ Superfly ('18, Suspense) Trevor Jackson. CC			8:47 Vida CC	:25 ★★ Zombieland: Double Tap ('19) Woody Harrelson.		
STZENC	:12 ★★ She's Having a Baby ('88) Kevin Bacon. CC			★★ Vertical Limit ('00, Suspense) Chris O'Donnell, Bill Paxton. CC			
SyFy	6:37 ★★ Pitch Black ('00) Radha Mitchell, Vin Diesel. CC			:05 ★★ Lake Placid ('99, Horror) Bill Pullman, Bridget Fonda, Oliver Platt. CC			
TBS	Bob's Burgers	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	Our Miss Brooks	★★★★ Network ('76, Comedy-Drama) Faye Dunaway, Peter Finch. CC				:15 ★★★★ Dog Day Afternoon	
TMC	Peggy-Married	★★ On the Basis of Sex ('18, Biography) Felicity Jones, Armie Hammer. CC				:05 ★★★ Billy Elliot ('00) CC	
TNT	6:30 ★★ Suicide Squad			Shaq Life	Shaq Life	London Has Fallen	
Travel	Portals	Portals to Hell (N)		Ghost Adventures		Portals to Hell (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men
USA	:00 Psych CC	Psych "Psych: The Musical" Shawn and Gus track maniacal playwright. CC				Psych CC (DVS)	
VH1	★★★ Rush Hour ('98) Jackie Chan.				:45 ★ Rush Hour 3 ('07)		
WGN-A	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met

Feud between two brothers is spilling over to their parents

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have two sons in their late 30s. We always thought they got along well and loved each other. Over the past year, they are no longer speaking with each other because of hard feelings over current situations. They live in the same neighborhood.

My husband refuses to stay at either one's house now when we visit from out of town because he's so upset at the turn of events. (We have been getting a hotel room.) When I visit on my own, I stay with our older son because there is no place to stay with the younger one.

The disagreement between my husband and me is I want to continue to visit as I have, understanding there are differences but hoping they will come to a solution. I refuse to choose one over the other, and I'm trying to be consistent with love and be a good role model. Both of our sons know this.

My husband is upset with me because I don't support his position of not staying at either house until they make up. This is creating more friction in a situation that is already breaking our hearts. What do you recommend? We have made our suggestions for a resolution, but these are grown men who must do the work themselves. – Mom In A Difficult Spot

DEAR MOM: I recommend you continue to do what makes you comfortable. Your sons both know you love them. If your husband thinks that your staying in a hotel – provided you can find one during the current shutdowns – will somehow manipulate your sons into settling their differences more quickly, he is mistaken. It hasn't worked so far. As you stated, your "boys" are grown men. I agree with you that they will have to hash this out on their own.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance often leaves memory cards out on his dresser after a day of being home alone. I was by myself one day and looked at them. There were photos of a nude woman wrapped in his bed sheet on his bed back in 2018. In them, she is posing. We were dating when they were taken, but not yet living together or engaged.

He dabbles in photography, but never mentioned this or informed me he was doing this shoot. I found another set from 2017 – prior to our relationship – that is not as "tastefully" done. Do I have reason for concern? I thought these things were professionally done off-site. His bedroom, though? – Uneasy In New York

DEAR UNEASY: If the photos were taken before you and your fiance were exclusive, I doubt you have any reason to worry. However, rather than ask me if you have anything to be concerned about, any questions you have about his "dabbling" would be better addressed directly to him.

DEAR ABBY: I have a grown daughter whom my ex-husband named "Brenda." (It is her middle name.) She's married, a mother of five and lived abroad for quite some time. She's back in the U.S. now and living 50 miles away from our family. She now wants to be called by her first name, which is "Riley." The problem is, everyone here at home knows her as Brenda. Presently, I still call her Brenda. How can this be resolved? – Not Happy In The South

DEAR NOT HAPPY: Resolve this by using the name your adult daughter prefers. If you refuse, expect the distance between you to become greater than 50 miles.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Taking in an abandoned gay teenager

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: One of my kids has an acquaintance who needs a place to go. She's a gay kid whose parents are moving this summer, and they've told her she won't be going with them. She's 16 and they're not interested in hearing from her again after they move. We've met her once, but I'll be damned if a kid is going to sleep under a bridge while we have a whole house. So now, what do we need to know? – Taking In a Kid

Taking In a Kid: You don't need to know this, but I'm crying a little.

You do need to know if she wants to live with you. I'm calling her Tess, because I can't call her the acquaintance or the gay kid.

You also need to establish legal guardianship. Calling the school is where I would start given administrators' ready knowledge of child-welfare bureaucracy, and/or your local child services. And of course you'll need to call Tess' parents.

You need to talk to your own kids about what's happening well before Tess moves in, and give them a chance to say out loud how they feel. It won't change your decision (unless there's a valid danger), because needs outweigh wants and right things are right things and you're the parent here, but kids facing a significant change at home need to know they will be heard and respected. I also recommend talking to a family therapist for a session or two, whom you can then have on call as you navigate this.

Teenagers present specific challenges anyway, having one foot in adulthood and the other in childhood, but kids who come from traumatic environments can have added emotional stuff to navigate, which means you likely will, too. The best way not to be undone by it is to know it's coming and have your resources ready.

You might want to let Tess know that in your eyes, she is part of the family and therefore both subject to family rules and entitled to family privileges – but also that if this feels like too much for her all at once, then she can treat this as a visit till she's comfortable with the arrangement.

I'll let readers weigh in, but my last thought is, thank you. Thank you for showing up.

Readers' suggestions: – First, you are a superperson! Thank you for taking Tess in. Second, it might not hurt to talk to a group like PFLAG to find local resources to help Tess process this all. – Be prepared for Tess to be at a developmentally different stage from your similar-age kid. Without a supportive home situation, she likely had to grow up faster. Being without a safety net forces self-reliance. She's still a kid in some ways, of course. But she may also chafe at your rules, and find it hard to trust that you have her best interests at heart. You may have to work out how to treat the kids differently, but not unfairly. – I wish there was some way to prosecute or fine or do SOMETHING about parents like this. I hope you can get her emancipated ASAP. Also get her Social Security card and birth certificate if possible, and start a bank account ONLY in her name.

Email Carolyn at tellme@washpost.com, follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/carolyn.hax or chat with her online at noon each Friday at www.washingtonpost.com.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Worry
5 Kim of "Vertigo"
10 Labored
12 Team spirit
13 Where protons are
14 Not right or wrong
15 Robin's perch
16 Do embroidery
18 Pet shop sound
19 Rival
23 Ernst & Young staffer
26 Thai language
27 Use absorbent paper
30 Kind of survey
32 Keen
34 Zeppelin
35 Copyright kin
36 Touches lightly
37 Zodiac beast
38 Hot time in Paris
39 Not generous
42 Son of Val and Aleta
45 Append
46 Rock band needs
50 Like Steve Austin
53 Fictitious
55 Very tired
56 Not wholly
57 Dog complaints
58 Tournament passes

DOWN
1 Two couples
2 Kitchen staple
3 Barkin or DeGeneres
4 Golf ball stand
5 — de plume
6 Gold, in Peru
7 Change
8 Kyrgyzstan range
9 Leafy algae
10 Rubble-maker
11 Gloomy
12 Gullets
17 Fair-hiring letters
20 Roll by
21 Girders (hyph.)
22 Thin board
23 Hack's vehicle
24 Throw snowballs
25 Prima donna's tune
28 Ess molding
29 Big Top
31 Mischief-makers
33 Country addr.
35 Made good on a debt (2 wds.)
37 Country addr.
40 Delicate
41 Ike's predecessor
42 Popular columnist
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54 Snatch

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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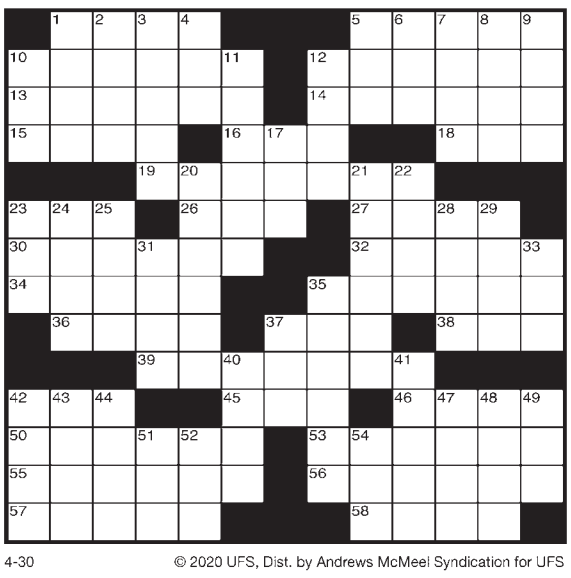

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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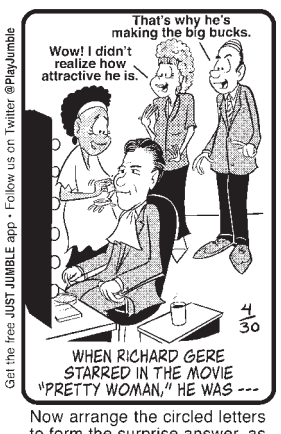
DAREDM


That's why he's making the big bucks.
Wow! I didn't realize how attractive he is.
WHEN RICHARD GERE STARRED IN THE MOVIE "PRETTY WOMAN," HE WAS ---
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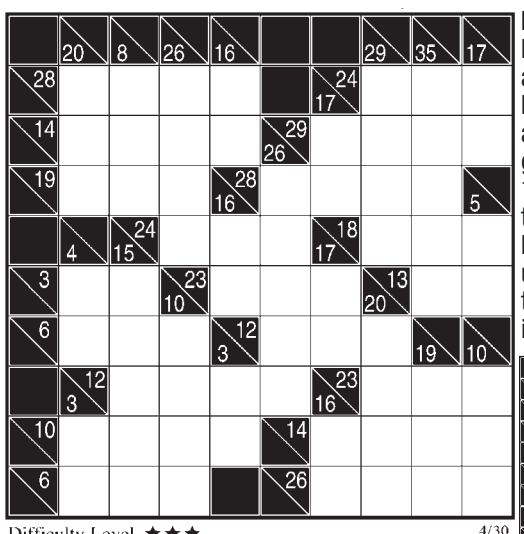
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

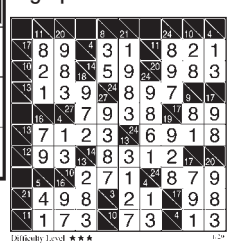
Yesterday's Jumbles: REUSE PANDA THWART SOOTHE
Answer: The house was available to lease, but the highway next to it was a — "DETER-RENT"

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 4/30

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Mark Twain said, "I was born modest; not all over, but in spots."

Do you know someone who keeps her – or his – house absolutely spotless? If so, suggest that she – or he – take up bridge. You have an expert in the making. It can be so important to keep a careful track of the spot cards – as in today's deal.

South was in three notrump after the most straightforward sequence. West led fourth-highest from his longest and strongest. What should have happened after that?

East was in a quandary at trick one. If West had the spade ace, East wanted to win the first trick with the king and continue with the queen to show that he started with only those two spades. But if South took the first trick with the spade ace, West would automatically place the queen with declarer as well.

Not taking that risk, East won the queen and continued with the king. After winning that trick too, East shifted to a diamond. But declarer won and drove out the club ace to make his contract.

West did not look closely enough at the spade spots. When South followed to trick two, West had seen every spade except the jack and six. Since he had the nine and seven, he should have overtaken East's king with his ace and used the nine to drive out declarer's jack. Then, when West got in with the club ace, he could have cashed the spade seven and three to defeat the contract.

This would have been wrong only if East had a third spade, and South could have cashed eight winners in the red suits, which was unlikely.

North 04-30-20
♠ 10 8
♥ K 6 3
♦ Q J 7 2
♣ K J 8 2

West
♠ A 9 7 4 3
♥ 7 5
♦ 10 8 4
♣ A 6 3

East
♠ K Q
♥ J 10 9 8 4
♦ 9 5 3
♣ 10 7 5

South
♠ J 6 5 2
♥ A Q 2
♦ A K 6
♣ Q 9 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 4

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

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	1				8	5		
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		8	5				7	
7		3		8				1
1		2		9	5			
6			3	7				

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

6	9	8	2	7	4	5	3	1
2	4	1	6	3	5	9	8	7
7	5	3	1	9	8	6	4	2
8	3	9	4	5	7	2	1	6
1	2	5	3	8	6	7	9	4
4	6	7	9	2	1	8	5	3
3	8	6	7	1	9	4	2	5
5	1	4	8	6	2	3	7	9
9	7	2	5	4	3	1	6	8

Gilead Sciences via AP

A vial of the investigational drug remdesivir is visually inspected at a Gilead manufacturing site in the United States in March.

A 1st: U.S. study finds Gilead drug works against coronavirus

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

For the first time, a major study suggests that an experimental drug works against the new coronavirus, and U.S. government officials said Wednesday that they would work to make it available to appropriate patients as quickly as possible.

In a study of 1,063 patients sick enough to be hospitalized, Gilead Sciences's remdesivir shortened the time to recovery by 31 percent – 11 days on average versus 15 days for those just given usual care, officials said. The drug also might be reducing deaths, although that's not certain from the partial results revealed so far.

"What it has proven is that a drug can block this virus," the National Institutes of Health's Dr. Anthony Fauci said.

"This will be the standard of care," and any other potential treatments will now have to be tested against or in combination with remdesivir, he said.

No drugs are approved now for treating the coronavirus, which has killed about 226,000 people worldwide since it emerged late last year in China. An effective treatment for COVID-19 could have a profound effect on the pandemic's impact, especially because a vaccine is likely to be a year or more away.

Fauci revealed the results while speaking from the White House. Remdesivir was being evaluated in at least seven major studies, but this one, led by the NIH, was the strictest test. Independent monitors notified study leaders just days ago that the drug was working, so it was no longer ethical to continue with a placebo group.

Dr. Elizabeth Hohmann, who enrolled 49 patients in the experiment at Massachusetts General Hospital, said study leaders were told Tuesday night that the results are based on "the first cut of 460 patients."

"There's over 1,000 in the study so there's a lot more information to come" and full results need to be seen, she said. "I'm cautiously optimistic."

Dr. Babafemi Taiwo, chief of infectious diseases at Northwestern Medicine, which also participated in the study, called the results "really exciting."

"For the first time we have a large, well-conducted trial" showing a treatment helps, he said. "This is not a miracle drug ... but it's definitely better than anything we have."

Fauci said the partial results showed that the drug had "a clear-cut significant positive effect," shortening the time to hospital discharge by four days. By comparison, antiviral drugs for the flu shorten illness by about one day on average and only when started within a day or two of symptoms first appearing.

In the remdesivir study, about 8 percent of those on the drug died versus 11.6 percent of the comparison group, but the difference is not large enough for scientists to say the drug was the reason.

No information was given on side effects. Fauci said full results would be published in a medical journal soon. He said final numbers might change a bit but that the study's overall conclusion would not.

Remdesivir is among dozens of treatments being tried against the coronavirus but was the farthest along in testing. It's given through an IV and blocks an enzyme the virus uses to copy its genetic material. In animal tests against SARS and MERS, diseases caused by similar coronaviruses, the drug helped prevent infection and reduced the severity of symptoms when given early enough in the course of illness.

"We are excited and optimistic" about the new results, said Vanderbilt University's Dr. Mark Denison. His lab first tested remdesivir against other coronaviruses in 2013 and has done much research on it since, but was not involved in the NIH study.

"It's active against every coronavirus that we've ever tested," Denison said. "It was very hard for the virus to develop resistance to remdesivir. That means the drug would likely be effective over longer term use."

The NIH study started in February; the first participant was a patient in Nebraska who had been evacuated from the Diamond Princess cruise ship docked in Japan. It quickly enrolled its original goal of 440 patients and then was expanded to give more answers on questions such as which subgroups may or may not benefit, and other factors that may affect success, such as how early the drug was given.

The study only tested the drug in patients sick enough to be hospitalized – typically with pneumonia and often needing oxygen – so its safety and effectiveness for people less ill isn't known.

The study will continue to enroll new patients. It was set up as an umbrella trial to test many treatments, although they now will have to be tested against remdesivir or with it, Fauci said.

Separately on Wednesday, California-based Gilead announced partial results from its own ongoing study of the drug in severely ill, hospitalized COVID-19 patients. The company said patients treated for five days "achieved similar improvement" in health as others treated for 10 days. However, that result is hard to interpret because there is no comparison group of people getting usual care, so it's impossible to know how much patients would have improved on their own.

Yet another study tested remdesivir in severely ill patients in China, which was stopped after only 237 of a planned 453 patients were enrolled. Partial results published Wednesday in the British medical journal Lancet suggest the drug did not speed recovery in that study, but it was too small to be definitive, Fauci and study leaders said.

Gilead also is testing remdesivir in a separate study of moderately ill coronavirus patients. No results have yet been announced from that study, which does have a comparison group.

Besides these studies, Gilead also has given remdesivir to more than 1,700 patients on a case-by-case emergency basis. The drug is not yet approved anywhere in the world for any use.

OBITUARIES

Claudine M. (Wolford) Beck Foulk

Sept. 7, 1927 – April 25, 2020

Claudine M. Foulk, 92, formerly of Galien, Frederic and Grayling, Mich., passed away on Saturday, April 25, 2020, at the home of her daughter, Nadine, in Buchanan, where she had been under the care of Caring Circle/Hospice at Home, since July of 2019.

Claudine was born Sept. 7, 1927, in Niles, to the late William I. and Bertha C. (Walls) Wolford.

Claudine is survived by two daughters, Nadine (Floyd) Quiggle of Buchanan and Ellen (Teddie) Hess of Astor, Fla.; four sons, Cliff (Sheryl) Beck of Grayling, Mich., Donald Beck of Gaylord, Mich., Chris (Rox Ann) Beck and Tom (Jacqi) Beck of Ocklawaha, Fla.; four stepchildren, Phyllis (Jim) Oulch of Jonesville, Mich., Rose Ann (Steve) Gawlick, Russel Foulk and Deana (Jason) Shaw; sister, Louise (Jack) DeWalt of Palm Bay, Fla.; sister-in-law, Patricia Wolford of Buchanan; 20 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; 28 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, William and Bertha; first husband, William Beck; husband, Clarence Foulk; daughter, Carol Anne (Beck) Echelbarger; sisters, Dorothy Carter and Alice Ward; brothers, Charles, Lawrence, Victor and William Wolford; and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation for Claudine will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 1, at Hoven Funeral Home. Funeral service will immediately follow at 1 p.m. Burial will take place at a later date in Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic, Mich. Arrangements have been entrusted to Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan. Online condolences may be made at www.hoven funerals.com.

Phillip L. Byrdak

Oct. 3, 1963 – April 27, 2020

Phillip L. Byrdak, 56, of Buchanan passed away on Monday, April 27, 2020, at home of natural causes.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held privately on Saturday, May 2, at Swem Chapel, Buchanan, due to current events and public safety. Private burial will follow in Graceland Cemetery, Bridgman. A Memorial Celebration will be announced and held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the family or Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger. The family encourages everyone to go to www.swemchapel.com, or call in to leave your condolences and memories for them to reflect on. Arrangements have been entrusted to Swem Chapel, Buchanan.

Phil was born on Oct. 3, 1963, to John Sr. and Evelyn Byrdak in Chicago. Professionally, Phil was a meat cutter by trade, starting in Chicago and finishing the last 20 years at Wal-mart on Portage Road, South Bend. He was an avid sportsman who thoroughly loved the outdoors. Phil enjoyed hunting, fishing and mushroom hunting, and was a lifelong fan of the White Sox and Blackhawks. He was a friend to all with his outgoing personality and storytelling. Phil also had a passion for fireworks and shared this with others through his displays. Most of all, he was a proud father and grandfather and cherished time spent with his family.

Phil is survived by his daughter, Melanie Byrdak; son, Adam (Alyssa) Byrdak; grandson, Wyatt Anderson; and brothers, Michael (Barbara) Byrdak, David Byrdak and Johnny Byrdak.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Sr. and Evelyn Byrdak; and half-sister, Diane Gruenwald.

Death notices

Clarice Archibald, 64, of Benton Harbor died April 20, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Josephine Buford, 82, of Benton Harbor died April 9, 2020, at home. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Thomas Gipson, 40, of Niles died April 29, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Barbara Rice, 84, formerly of St. Joseph died April 29, 2020, at Pine Ridge Nursing Facility, Stevensville. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Clarice Archibald

Oct. 13, 1955 – April 20, 2020

On Oct. 13, 1955, Clarice Archibald was born in Hughes, Ark., as the first daughter of the late William Fletcher Archibald and Vera Lee (Archibald) Anderson. Clarice was a quiet and thoughtful person. She served for seven years in the U.S. Army. During her service, she met and married Mack Parham, with whom she had one son, Marco Parham. In her later years, she worked in manufacturing until her retirement at age 62. She enjoyed spending time with her family and was an expert baker, well known for her award-winning chocolate chip cookies. The love she had for her family was evident. She shared her love of baking with her family every holiday and was considered a second mother to her nephew, Darrius Archibald. After battling a short illness, Clarice peacefully transitioned on April 20, 2020, at 64 years old.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father; and her sister, Lou Thelma Archibald.

Her legacy lives on through her son, Marco; and her grandson, Miles Parham. Clarice will always be remembered by her loved ones, including siblings: William Archibald Jr. of Battle Creek, Mich., Stevie (Daisy) Archibald, LeAndre (Bertha) Archibald, Sherry Lynn (Patrick) Hill and David Archibald, all of Benton Harbor, Edward (Etta) Jenkins of Savannah, Ga., Michael Jenkins and Annalisa Ford of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Ramona (Bennie) Paster of Atlanta.; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

A private service for the immediate family will be held. She will be buried in Fort Custer National Cemetery.

Josephine Buford

Aug. 20, 1937 – April 9, 2020

Josephine departed this life on April 9, 2020, at home, surrounded by her loved ones.

Josephine H. Buford was born Aug. 20, 1937, in Benton Harbor, to the union of Lueveaner Harmon and Charles McKinley. Josephine H. Buford, known as "Granny" to her family and friends, loved to live life to the fullest. Before Granny took ill, she enjoyed fishing, spending time with family, cooking and talking trash.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories, two daughters, Mayola Buford and Precious (RJ) Buford; 10 grandchildren: John, Marvin (Michelle), Otis (Aletha), Raymond, Emma, Tylaind, Demetrius, Martin, Mary and Twalla; 31 great-grandchildren; two adopted granddaughters, Antquanetta Dawkins and LaPreisha McPike; a lifelong companion of 27 years, Roosevelt Hollins; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles McKinley; mother, Lueveaner Harmon; husband, Johnny M. Buford; daughter, Lillian A. Buford; and her grandmother, Emma Rowsey.

A private immediate family service will be held.

Free car cleansing for public safety officers

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — A local company has invited public safety officers to get a free drive-through interior cleaning of their vehicle on Friday.

Stacey Ristow, managing partner at 1-800 WATER DAMAGE, 600 Langley Drive, St. Joseph, said the company, which specializes in water damage, flood, sewage and mold remediation services, has sent a letter to all local public safety departments inviting them to get their patrol vehicles cleaned.

The company will offer drive-through cleaning and disinfecting of vehicle interiors from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at the facility on Langley.

"The services we offer are considered essential to everyday needs and we will remain open throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to serve our community," Ristow said in the letter to area departments. "This is our gift to you as a special thank you for your time and service, especially now. It would be our honor to help you stay safe, healthy and clean when you are in your patrol cars."

Ristow said employees will follow strict sanitization protocol and technicians are fully-suited with proper personal protection equipment (PPE).

No reservation is required for the complementary cleanings.

But any public safety officers who cannot make it on Friday can call 473-8805 or 208-6013 to schedule a cleaning.

IN BRIEF

Police probe suspicious package

DOWAGIAC — The area around Hale's Hardware in Dowagiac was evacuated Wednesday morning while police investigated a report of a suspicious package.

The package was discovered sitting on a bench in front of the hardware store at about 8:40 a.m. Wednesday, according to the Cass County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Richard Behnke said the Berrien County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad was called. Members of the squad X-rayed the package, and it was found to be empty. The incident remains under investigation.

Cass County deputies were assisted by the Dowagiac police and fire departments and state police.

MSU Steak & Suds event canceled

The Berrien County Michigan State University Alumni Association has canceled its annual Steak & Suds event due to uncertainty related to COVID-19.

"We looked forwarded to remembering the late Larry Smith, Steak & Suds co-founder this year, but it is not in the cards," club President Bob Gerbel said in a news release. "We plan to have a doubly good party next year."

The club asks that Berrien County Spartans consider making a contribution to the Berrien County MSU Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund, in lieu of a ticket purchase.

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When it comes to Veterans Benefits, many veterans and dependents don't know what they don't know. Nationwide, less than 10% of those eligible apply. Let us help to educate and navigate you thru the maze of what is available from discharge to death. Here are some of the many benefits:

★ Disability Compensation benefits for prior conditions, diseases or injuries that occurred in service or many years later as a result of service (e.g. Agent Orange Exposure, Camp Lejeune Contaminated Water, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder – combat or personal trauma) to name a few.

★ PTSD Counselors from the South Bend Vet Center that comes to Berrien County twice a week.

★ Non-Service Connected Veterans Pension and Survivors Pension benefits (House Bound as well as Aid and Attendance) for low income veterans over age 65 or prior to age 65 that are disabled and have at least one day of wartime service (additional means tested restrictions apply).

★ Free transportation at designated stops for veterans enrolled in the VA Health Benefits Program to the VA Medical Center in Battle Creek and the VA Health Care Center in Mishawaka.

★ Financial assistance thru the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund for wartime veterans or peacetime veterans who earned an expeditionary medal (additional means tested restrictions apply).

★ Free financial coaching from an Accredited Financial Counselor and Financial Fitness Coach Counselor as well as ongoing Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Military Edition classes.

★ Please read our weekly "The Veterans Voice" article in MailMax Newspaper to learn more about additional benefits for veterans and dependents. Let us be of service to you for your service.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

For the first time in 23 years, the Watervliet Relays enjoyed warm temperatures and sunny skies. And both the Watervliet girls and boys track teams took full advantage of Mother Nature's generosity to capture team titles in the 1995 edition of the Relays on the resurfaced Watervliet track yesterday.

35 years ago – 1985

The Lakeshore School Board chose Ned Curtis, 31, to be the district's new superintendent last night, ending a search that began early this year with 58 candidates. Curtis "enthusiastically accepted" the board's offer. The board voted unanimously to offer the job to Curtis, the youngest of six finalists.

Curtis, the superintendent of Fulton Schools in Middleton, said the strengths of the district are the people.

50 years ago – 1970

"Transforming Light," a work on world religions by Dr. Albert and Emily Vail, was released today by Harper and Roco, Inc., New York publisher. Dr. and Mrs. Vail, both deceased, were well-known residents of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph for many years. The posthumous publication was made possible by Dr. Vail's estate. Dr. Vail died in 1966 at age 85 after a career as a minister, philosopher and humanitarian.

The book is an inside story of religion as it has been lived and taught throughout the world, ranging from Buddha and Confucius to Jesus and Muhammed.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, April 30, the 121st day of 2020. There are 245 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On April 30, 1945, as Soviet troops approached his Berlin bunker, Adolf Hitler committed suicide along with his wife of one day, Eva Braun.

On this date:

In A.D. 311, shortly before his death, Roman Emperor Galerius issued his Edict of Toleration ending persecution of Christians.

In 1789, George Washington took the oath of office in New York as the first president of the United States.

In 1803, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France for 60 million francs, the equivalent of about $15 million.

In 1900, engineer John Luther "Casey" Jones of the Illinois Central Railroad died in a train wreck near Vaughan, Mississippi, after staying at the controls in a successful effort to save the passengers.

In 1970, President Richard M. Nixon announced the U.S. was sending troops into Cambodia, an action that sparked widespread protest.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon announced the resignations of top aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman, Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst and White House counsel John Dean, who was actually fired.

In 1975, the Vietnam War ended as the South Vietnamese capital of Saigon fell to Communist forces.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Showers Likely	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Chance Showers	Chance Showers
47°	39°	50° / 43°	59° / 50°	56° / 44°	51° / 42°

Local Outlook

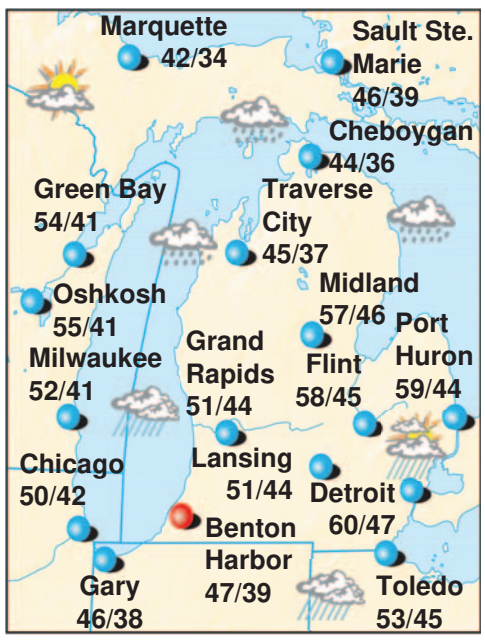
Today we will see cloudy skies with an 80% chance of showers, high of 47°, humidity of 79%. North wind 15 to 22 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 60% chance of showers, overnight low of 39°. North wind 10 to 19 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 36°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:42 a.m.
Sunset	8:44 p.m.
Moonrise	12:36 p.m.
Moonset	3:01 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
4/30	5/7	5/14	5/22

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	57°
Low	45°
Normal High	65°
Normal Low	43°
Record High	80° in 2007
Record Low	32° in 2008

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.82"
Month to date	4.89"
Normal for month	3.35"
Year to date	11.78"
Normal Year to date	9.00"

Air Quality

Yesterday	48
Main Offender	Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

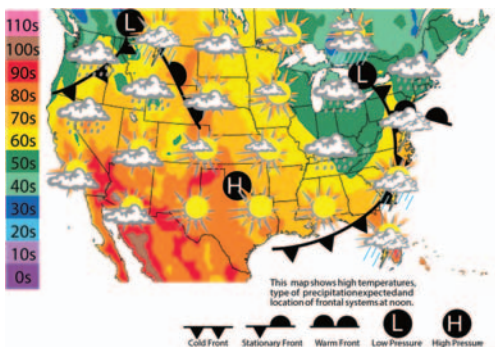
Weather Trivia

Can lightning travel through phone lines?

Answer: Yes. Unless a phone is cordless, don't use it during thunderstorms.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for April 30, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, N wind 23 to 27 kt. Showers likely. Waves 8 to 10 ft. Water temperature 43 degrees. Tonight, N wind 13 to 18 kt. A chance of showers. Waves 9 ft subsiding to 6 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread rain, highs in the 40s. West northwest wind 11 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday with isolated showers, highs in the 50s. Southwest wind 6 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread showers, highs from the 40s to the 60s. North wind 15 to 22 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with scattered showers, highs in the 50s and 60s. Northwest wind 7 to 10 mph.

TESTING

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testing; individuals with a negative test result could be in the early stages of infection and could later become symptomatic and contagious with the virus, according to Britten.

Testing sites are at the Spectrum Health Lakeland Center for Outpatient Services, 3900 Hollywood Road, St. Joseph, and at InterCare, 800 M-139, Benton Harbor. InterCare also has a mobile testing unit which travels throughout Southwest Michigan.

Since April 9, Spectrum Health Lakeland has tested more than 1,950 individuals, and since April 13, InterCare has tested about 450 patients, according to the release.

Specimens from Lakeland are tested at the Spectrum Health Regional Lab in Grand Rapids, which typically produces results in less than 24 hours. InterCare is partnering with NxGen Laboratories in Grand Rapids to provide testing results.

With new equipment, Spectrum Health Lakeland can also produce more rapid results for hospitalized patients with severe disease, or for those scheduled for inpatient surgical procedures, according to the news release.

A key benefit of quicker results is less time spent in isolation waiting for results for patients who eventually turn out to be negative for coronavirus. Another is the reduction in need for personal protective equipment (PPE), which continues to be in short supply.

People experiencing symptoms should call their primary care provider or either the Spectrum Health hotline at 833-559-0659, or InterCare hotline at 855-869-6900 to be scheduled for a free virtual screening. Anyone with severe or life-threatening symptoms should call 911.

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CONSTRUCTION

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push for a more rapid reopening of Michigan's economy, especially in rural parts of the state away from hard-hit Detroit.

Many Republican lawmakers are balking at Whitmer's request to extend the state of emergency – not to be confused with the stay-at-home order – at least until late May.

Whitmer says she has the powers to extend the state of emergency with or without legislative approval.

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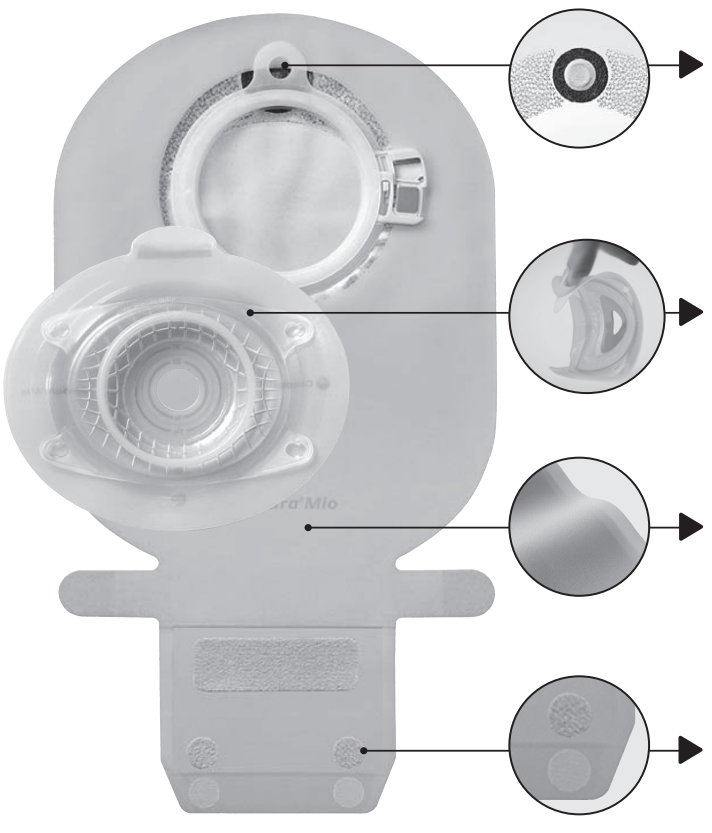

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